

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims **1, 2, 3, 6, 8** and **10** were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scott (U.S. 2,517,245) in view of Kinsman (U.S. 1,485,272). Also, claims **7** and **9** were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over those patents and further in view of Scott and Pelz.

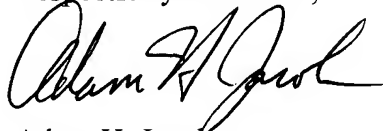
Applicant has amended claim **1** to more distinctly claim those features of his invention which are unique and novel over the prior art. Specifically, applicant has amended claim **1** to include the language of previously submitted claim **5**, which was deemed allowable by the examiner if rewritten in independent form. It is therefore believed that amended claim **1** is now allowable over the prior art. Additionally, the examiner stated that claim **4** would also be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and applicant has written new claim **11** which is originally submitted claim **1** further including the language of old claim **4**, which has now been canceled. It is therefore believed that amended claim **1** and new claim **11** are allowable over the prior art.

Claim **10** has been amended according to the teachings of previously submitted claim **4** with slight modifications thereto which are believed to distinguish it from the cited prior art, and therefore it is believed to be allowable as rewritten. Regarding claims **2, 3, 6, 7, 8** and **9**, these claims were rejected along with claim **1**, but applicant wishes to clarify that he does not claim exclusive rights to the features defined in those claims independently, but rather only in combination with the present invention as defined in presently amended claim **1**. For the reasons expressed above in connection with claim **1** and for the structural limitations added by these claims, claims **2, 3, 6, 7, 8** and **9** are believed to be allowable with claim **1**. Claims **4** and **5** have been canceled.

Applicant is mailing this amendment after expiration of the three month response period but within the first month's extension of time permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), specifically on this 12th day of May, 2005.

1 This application is thus believed to be in condition for allowance of all claims remaining
2 herein, and such action is respectfully requested.

3 Respectfully submitted,

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